

Appl. No. 10/068,363⁵
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (cancelled)

21. (new) A method of forming a soap stabilized oil-in-water emulsion including the steps of emulsifying a silicone oil in water in the presence of soap; said soap including a cation derived from a base and a carboxylate anion derived from one or more fatty acids having from 8 to 18 carbon atoms; and wherein the soap is formed in situ by reacting the base and the fatty acid(s) in progress of the emulsification.

22. (new) A method of forming a soap stabilized oil-in-water emulsion including the steps of:

forming a first mixture comprising a silicone oil, a base, and initial water;
combining the first mixture with one or more fatty acids having from 8 carbon atoms to 18 carbon atoms;

emulsifying the resultant combination; and

wherein a soap is formed in situ in the process of emulsification.

23. (new) A method of forming a soap stabilized oil-in-water emulsion according to claim 21 wherein the emulsification is by mechanical agitation means.

24. (new) A method of forming a soap stabilized oil-in-water emulsion according to claim 21 wherein the emulsification is by high shear means.

25. (new) A method according to claim 21 wherein additional water is added.

26. (new) A method according to claim 25 wherein the additional water is added during emulsification.

27. (new) A method according to claim 25 wherein the additional water is added subsequent to emulsification.

28. (new) A method according to claim 25 wherein said additional water is added under vacuum to reduce foaming.

29. (new) A method according to claim 25 further including the step of adding a biocide.